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[Morris Once Again Named a “Best College Value” by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance](#)

Kiplinger has recognized Morris for academic quality and affordability nine consecutive times.

MORRIS, MN (December 15, 2016)—The University of Minnesota, Morris has been named to *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance’s* list of the [Top 300 Best College Values of 2017](#). This is the ninth consecutive year in which the campus has been included on the public colleges list, which acknowledges academic quality and affordability.

Morris earned the #41 spot on the magazine’s list of 100 best values in public colleges for out-of-state students and #87 for in-state students. The campus was ranked #164 overall.

“There’s no way around it: College is expensive, and it’s going to stay that way for a long time. So, with our rankings—which weigh affordability alongside academic quality—our goal is to help students and their parents understand what’s really worth the price,” said Janet Bodnar, editor of *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* magazine. “While some may have ranked higher than others, all 300 schools on the list are of extraordinary value, being chosen out of a universe of 1,200.”

[At Morris tuition is one-fourth the cost of the most expensive private school in the state.](#) Morris students graduate with lower student loan debt than most University of Minnesota, students, and 93 percent receive financial aid. In recent surveys, alumni have rated academic excellence “most important,” and 96 percent agreed their Morris degree was a smart investment.

Kiplinger’s quality measures, which are weighted more heavily than cost, include the admission rate, the percentage of students who return for sophomore year, the student-faculty ratio, and the four-year graduation rate. Cost criteria include sticker price, financial aid, and average debt at graduation. Unlike other rankings, which include subjective criteria in their assessments, Kiplinger restricts its analysis to measurable standards of academic quality and affordability. Kiplinger’s was the first ranking to focus on value, their core mission.

The complete rankings are now available online at kiplinger.com/links/colleges and will appear in print in the February 2017 issue of *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*, on newsstands January 3rd.

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